

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER TABLE SERIES

BEING Diet for Mental Dyspepsies—A Salad for Small Salaries, AND A SALVE FOR BAD CUTS.

BY OUR SERIES EDITOR. NUMBER CCXLIII. A VISIT TO MAMMON'S ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

Scenes and Incidents Among the "Bulls" and the "Bears."



The Pool. The "bulls" and "bears" waiting for an "angel" to come and trouble the waters.



The Angel. by the name of Fisk, Jr., comes and gives a blast, crying, "Buy me 2,000,000 at 100."



Tossing the Bear. In the inner circle is to be seen parties poking the "bear" with tormenting implements.



The Bulls Tossing Gold. Scene in the bull "ring." The bulls tossing the "eagles."



Scene in the Bear Den. The bears trying to knock the "eagles" down.



Lame Ducks. A scene outside the "ring" among the "birds" of a feather.



Closing Entertainment. A real "bull" fight. Matador Boutwell enters the ring and attacks a bull and kills him, after first engaging him by a show of a \$13,000,000 gold flag.

In front of the theatre at Oxford there are some gigantic stone figures, the date and subject of which are alike buried in uncertainty. Two sailors were walking past. "Who are these fellows, shipmate?" said one of them. "The Twelve Apostles," replied his friend. "Twelve Apostles! How can that be? Why, there's only six of 'em."

A manufacturer of tombstones lately received a call from a countryman, who wanted a stone to place over the grave of his mother.

"Oh, yes, it would," said the countryman. "The couldn't read. And, besides," he continued, "as he observed the wonderment of the stone-cutter, 'Perry was always a favorite name of hers, any how!'"

A GIRL OF THE AGE.—A paper thus describes a specimen of this genus in New York:—"She went to the theatre and two parties in one evening, carried on three flirtations at each, and the next day refused three offers of marriage, accepted two, and broke off three previous engagements; read four novels, wrote two letters and one hundred notes of invitation, practised her music lesson, made herself a new water-fall, ate breakfast, lunch, and dinner enough for two milkmen; took a walk on Fifth avenue, bought two pounds of French candy and ate it to the Central Park with one of her lovers and walked home with the other."

A GOOD IDEA, BUT TOO LATE.—The old gentleman came home from church enthusiastic. He found Frank investigating a small dog and a large cat to enter the ring.

"Why, Frank," he said, "how could you stay away from church? I have heard one of the most delightful sermons ever delivered before a Christian society. It carried me to the gates of heaven."

"Well, I think," replied Frank, "you had better have dodged in, for you will never have another chance."

The Spanish ladies are in great embarrassment. Two came very near being arrested the other day in Madrid for wearing, on coat ornaments, and the other Marguerites by her hair. Red coral is the emblem of the Republicans and white Marguerites are a token of sympathy with the Carlist cause.

ANSWERING A QUESTION.—It is related of a certain minister of Maine, who was noted for his long sermons with many divisions, that one day, when he was advancing among his texts, he reached at length a kind of resting-place in his discourse, when, pausing to take breath, he asked the question.

"And what shall I say more?" A voice from the congregation earnestly responded, "Say Amen!"

Two teachers were discussing the efficacy of corporal punishment in education. "I can speak from large experience," said one. "I have always used it in my school; and every one knows that my scholars are the cream of our aristocracy."

"The whipped cream, if you please," rejoined his opponent.

Curran being at a party at the seat of an Irish nobleman, one of the company, who was a physician, strolled out before dinner into the churchyard. Dinner being served up, and the doctor not returned, some of the company were expressing their surprise where he could be gone to.

"Oh!" says Curran, "he has just stepped out to pay a visit to some of his old patients."

Tripps has lately noticed that the milk left every morning at his house savors very strongly of the aqueous fluid. In fact, he one morning actually accused his milkman of watering it. That worthy drew himself proudly up, and replied that he scorned the impeachment; but he did water his cows that morning, and he supposed "that must be it."

A countryman, walking along the streets of a town, found his progress stopped by a close barricade of timber.

"What is that for?" he said to a person in the street. "Oh, that's for to stop the cholera."

BEECHER.

Henry Ward as a Business Man from the "Mark Twain" Standpoint. The great preacher never sleeps with his clothes on. Once, when re-monstrated with upon the singularity of his conduct in this respect and the pernicious effect the example might possibly have upon the younger members of his congregation, he replied, with the frank and open candor that has always characterized him, that he would give words to be with his shirt-bands of the custom—and added that the anguish he had suffered in trying to break himself of the habit had made him old before he was ninety.

Mr. Beecher never swears. In all his life a profane expression has never passed his lips. But if he were to take it into his head to do it once, he would make even that disgusting habit seem beautiful—he would handle it as it was never handled before, and if there was a "wholesome moral lesson hidden away in it anywhere, he would ferret it out and use it with tremendous effect.

Mr. Beecher is very regular in his habits. He always goes to bed promptly between 9 and 3 o'clock, and never allows himself to get himself to vary from the rule. He is just as particular about getting up, which he does the next day, generally. He considers that to this discipline, and to this alone, he is indebted for the health he has enjoyed ever since he adopted it.

Mr. Beecher does not go around and get advertisements for the Plymouth Pulpit. If he does, it is without his knowledge or consent. If such a report has been started, it is an absolute duty to refute it in this article. However, no such report has yet been heard of, and it is not necessary to do more than refute it in a purely general way at this time.

Mr. Beecher's farm consists of thirty-six acres, and is carried on on strict scientific principles. He never puts in any part of a crop without consulting his book. He ploughs and reaps and sows and sows, according to the best authorities, and the authorities cost more than the other farming implements do. As soon as the library is complete, the farm will begin to be a profitable investment.

Upon one occasion, when it seemed morally certain that the hay ought to be cut, the hay book could not be found, and before it was found it was too late, and the hay was all spoiled. Mr. Beecher raises some of the finest crops of wheat in the country, but the unfavorable difference between the cost of producing it and its market value after it is produced has interfered considerably with its success as a commercial enterprise.

One of Mr. Beecher's most harassing difficulties in his farming operations comes of the close resemblance of different sorts of seed plants to each other. Two years ago his far-sightedness warned him that there was going to be a great scarcity of watermelons, and therefore he put in a crop of twenty-seven acres of that fruit. But when they came up they turned out to be pumpkins, and he had the worst of it.

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